

N. Y. Court Legalizes Single Union Agreement for Fur Making Industry

Contract Does Not Violate Anti-Trust Law, Justice Rosenman Decides—Holds Exemption Union Must Be Extended to Trade Association.

New York, N. Y.—The International Fur Workers' Union, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, together with associate defendants, legal action to secure recognition for collective bargaining agreements between fur makers and trade associations, was today granted by the New York State Supreme Court, Justice Rosenman, a permanent injunction to come under the state's Anti-Trust Law.

The American Fur Manufacturing Association, Inc., and 19 of its members had entered the suit against the Associated Fur Coat and Trimming Manufacturers, Inc., the International Fur Workers' Union, and the Furriers' Joint Council of New York City.

The court, in its decision, denied the defense motion to dismiss the complaint. The plaintiffs sought to void an agreement between the defendants, as "against the public policy." The union defendants could get 90 percent for work done in the industry.

The basis of complaint was that the agreement contained a clause providing that the union should be the sole bargaining agent for the fur makers. The union defendants claimed that, by means of this agreement, the union had conspired to create a "monopoly" in the trade association's business.

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TRUCK DRIVERS WIN PAY BOOST IN PHILADELPHIA

Mayor's Board Increases Wage Rates \$1 to \$4 Per Week—Award Continues Until January 1, 1938.

Philadelphia, Pa.—A long controversy between Philadelphia union truck drivers and truck owners was recently ended here by an award of Mayor Wilson's Trucking Commission which granted truck drivers and helpers wage increases ranging from \$1 to \$4 per week, the increase averaging about \$2 per week.

The new rate became effective December 1, 1936, and is to continue until January 1, 1938, after which date it is to be reviewed.

The controversy dates back to September 14 when a strike of the truck drivers was prevented by setting up the Trucking Commission with authority to investigate the controversy and issue an award.

Terms of Agreement

The new wage standard provides: 1. Drivers and helpers on city trucks, making five round trips a week of 100 miles, shall be paid \$4.00 per week. In the event that full time drivers work out of a distant town, they shall be paid \$1.50 for each sleeping quarters unless same are provided for by employer. They formerly got \$4.75.

2. Over-the-road drivers on slow city trucks, making five round trips a week, shall be paid \$3.00 per week, with an additional \$1.50 for sleeping quarters for each round trip, unless the same are provided for by employer. Only a few drivers fall in this class, as they are usually on a temporary basis.

Extra Trailer Pay

Any driver of a vehicle with a trailer attached shall receive \$3.00 in addition to his regular pay for each extra trip.

All over-the-road local drivers and city drivers shall be paid at the rate of \$3.00 each per week of eight consecutive hours of work, and for each extra hour \$1.50, respectively.

Local drivers and city helpers shall be paid at the rate of \$2.00 per week of eight consecutive hours of work, and for each extra hour \$1.50, respectively.

Standards of wages shall be based on the cost of living and shall continue in full force and effect until January 1, 1938, and so on from year to year, unless at least three months before the termination of the agreement the trucking commission or Local Union 107 notifies the other party in writing of its intention to terminate or modify this wage schedule at the end of each calendar year.

LABOR PARLEY CONSIDERS WORKERS' VITAL PROBLEMS

Unhindered Right to Organize, 30-Hour Week and Minimum Wage Advocated at Conference with Secretary of Labor Perkins Attended by 60 Union Officials.

Washington, D. C.—A broad program for labor was given serious consideration here by the conference of around 60 national and international trade union officials called by Secretary of Labor Perkins.

Although, according to the official report by Miss Perkins, the meeting did not develop any general agreement, the conference was held by the method by which we can more forcefully present our positions with regard to a number of major problems affecting working men and women.

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Organized Labor's Right to Picket Clinched By N. Y. Court's Decision

Fight of Brooklyn Bakers' Union to Patrol Employer's Plant and Advertise His Goods As Unfair to Labor Won After Judicial Test Lasting Over Two Years.

New York, N. Y.—The right to picket, to advertise a union label before places of business of non-union employers and before their customers, with signs also calling upon the public to purchase union label products, was recently recognized in a historic court decision in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Local Union No. 505, Bakers and Confectionery Workers' International Union of America, whose members were victims of a lock-out by the Standard Baking Company, which began May 1, 1933, has been the brunt of a long and bitter struggle with the company. A strike of union members followed the lock-out, and the company refused to negotiate with the union.

The court decision, which was handed down by Judge Nathan, held that the union's picketing and advertising were not unfair to labor and that the union had the right to picket and advertise its goods.

Union's Right to Picket Employer's Plant for Breach of Contract Upheld

Chancellor Mitchell of Knoxville Ends Injunction—Holds Picketing Right to Make Truthful Statements About Employer.

Knoxville, Tenn.—The right of a union to picket an employer's plant for breach of contract was upheld today by Chancellor Mitchell of the Knoxville Circuit Court.

The union, the Knoxville Machine Operators' Union, affiliated with the A. F. of L., over a "company union," has finally resulted in complete victory for the legitimate union by broadening of legal definitions affecting strikes and picketing.

The union called a strike at the Roxy Theatre in Knoxville (then operated by W. Smith) which was called because of an alleged breach of contract back in October, 1933, when the theatre management terminated the "Independent Motion Picture Operators' Union." With the legitimate union, the company union contract with the theatre which had been breached, on strike was called in getting an injunction against the aggrieved union.

Although the theatre was won over to the A. F. of L. union after being persuaded by Smith, the company union was still in process of appeal, and the court was asked to grant the injunction against the union.

The court, in its decision, held that the union had the right to picket the theatre for breach of contract and that the union had the right to make truthful statements about the employer.

San Antonio Packing House Workers Paid From \$12 to \$16 for 72 to 84-Hour Week

Slave Conditions Imposed by Employers Are Due to Lack of Union Organization Among Employees.

San Antonio, Tex.—The inhuman and thoroughly contemptible conditions imposed on organized workers by the operators of packing houses in San Antonio, Tex., have been revealed in a series of articles by A. T. Olliger, member of the San Antonio "Weekly Dispatch," which are stirring up the labor movement in the city to the need of more effective organization.

It was pointed out that workers in some plants put in 72 to 84 hours a week for wages ranging from \$12 to \$16 a week. The 12-hour day and 72-hour week is reported as the norm.

The conditions were described as "slave conditions" and the workers were said to be "exploited" by the employers.

11-MAN STREET CAR CASE TAKEN TO U. S. COURT

District of Columbia Labor Union Joins With Citizens' Associations in Judicial Test of Utility Rates.

Washington, D. C.—(AFNS)—The District of Columbia Labor Union and the Federation of Citizens' Associations, working in close harmony, have filed an appeal in the District Court of the District of Columbia to consider its authorization to the Capital Transit Company to put on a new 11-man street car.

Charles Ogburn, general counsel for the A. F. of L., is among the attorneys representing the union in the case.

The union claims that the 11-man street car is a violation of the public utility laws and that the union has the right to picket the street car.

Joint Action in Labor Matters Planned By Unions in St. Paul and Minneapolis

By A. F. of L. News Service.

St. Paul, Minn.—The "Twin Cities" of St. Paul and Minneapolis boast of many labor organizations that are constantly striving for the peaceful advancement of all wage earners in the territory, with a greater degree of cooperation between unions expected in the future.

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Peoria Printers Object to Use of Schools For "Rat" Magazine Subscription Drives

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Peoria, Ill.—Emphatic protest has been lodged with the local School Board by Typographical Union No. 15, against the "common practice" of certain magazines in using the public school system as a means of promoting subscription drives. It was claimed that publications using this method of promotion are nearly always non-union products, while the complaint was directed specifically at several non-union magazines, which were named.

"We do not wish to enlist the School Board in a drive against any magazine or publication of any kind," President Marble of the Typographical Union stated in a letter quoted in full in the Peoria Labor Gazette.

"We do wish to remind you," he continued, "that to people who are paying their money and dedicating their efforts and their lives to the advancement of the labor movement, it is extremely repulsive to be asked to support a system of subscription drives for a lot of magazines described in labor circles as 'rats'."

"Members of the Typographical Union, along with other organizations of a like nature in Peoria, are to a great extent owners of property and patrons of the school system and object to having their children made innocent tools to defeat the cause for which their parents are striving."

"The practice of getting children to sell magazines, oftentimes through school contacts, is said to be indulged in rather extensively throughout the country by the most notorious and unscrupulous of non-union publishers."

3 PAPER MILL WORKERS KILLED IN DEATH TRAP

Berlin, N. H. (AFNS)—Regional labor in this community is organized by the American Federation of Labor, which has a long record of safety measures alleged to be the underlying cause of a gas blast in a paper mill that resulted in three deaths and 35 others breathing the deadly fumes.

Wage Increase Agreement Negotiated by New Haven Aluminum Workers' Union

Forty-Hour Week, Seniority Rates, Overtime Pay for Holidays, Arbitration and Union Shop Included in New Contract.

New Haven, Conn.—(AFNS)—Federal Aluminum Workers' Union No. 15738 of the American Federation of Labor announced the renewal of its contract with the Aluminum Company of America, Inc., of New Haven, which was signed by representatives of the company and the union on December 15, 1937.

The new agreement provides substantial increases in wages for most of the classifications and also includes provisions for all employees in the aluminum department to be members of Aluminum Workers' Union No. 15738.

An eight-hour day and 40-hour week are established under the terms of the agreement, with overtime pay for holidays, arbitration and union shop included in the new contract.

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Gov't Workers' Union Will Celebrate City Service Anniversary

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Washington, D. C.—The third formal observance of National Civil Service Week, under auspices of the Federal Civil Service Employees' Association, an affiliate of the American Federation of Labor, is being planned.

The keynote of the 1937 observance will be "Extension of the Merit System," when the fifty-fourth anniversary of the establishment of civil service status for Federal employees, January 19, 1893. The first Civil Service Act was signed by President Chester Arthur on January 16, 1883.

Both major political parties in the nation were pledged to protection and extension of civil service. The merit system was made a part of the government reorganization program, on which Congress and the President have agreed.

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Sheboygan, Wis. (AFNS)—The Sheboygan City Board of Supervisors passed a resolution, by a vote of 3 to 2, to prohibit the employment of married women in the city government.

MEXICAN SUGAR WORKERS STRIKE FOR WAGE BOOST

Mexico, D. F.—Striking workmen of the Mexican sugar industry reported as gaining wide support in the State of Sinaloa, where the town of Culiacan is the main center of light and other public services as a result of a strike by all classes in the industry.

LOS ANGELES HIGH SCHOOL NAMED 'SAMUEL COMPER'

Los Angeles, Calif. (AFNS)—The Los Angeles Board of Education unanimously voted to name the new high school in the South Los Angeles area the "Samuel Comper Junior High School," in honor of the memory of the former president of the American Federation of Labor who served in that capacity from 1914 to 1924.

FLORSHEIM SHOE WORKERS HAVE 40-HOUR WEEK PACT

Washington, D. C. (AFNS)—In an article headed "Florsheim Shoe Company Renews Union Agreement," published last November, the American Federation of Labor, it was stated that the renewed agreement covering the Florsheim shoe company, which carried wage rates of from \$1.00 an hour for the 44-hour week.

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FRENCH SAILORS STRIKE

Paris, France.—The French liner Champlain was able to proceed with its projected West Indies cruise, following the vote of 24 to 10, after the Minister of Merchant Marine, M. L. B. de la Roche, announced that it would arbitrate the dispute, which involved extra pay for the 1,500 sailors who are lay-offers between ocean crossings.

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LABOR GAINS IN CAMPAIGN FOR REPRESENTATION ON GOVERNMENT BOARDS DEALING WITH WORKERS

Illinois Industrial Commission Advisory Unit Includes Olander and Soderstrom, State Labor Federation Officials.